

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PREPARATION

CONTROLLED-RELEASE

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Official Action dated July 1, 2002 (Paper No. 8). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until November 1, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claim 3 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the mean particle size of the pore-forming agent is 0.1-500 μ m.

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